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**Notice of Public Meeting for the Steens Mountain Advisory Council**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior

**ACTION:** Notice of Public Meeting

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, and the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) will meet as indicated below:

**DATES:** Thursday, September 29, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, September 30, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the BLM's Burns District Office, 28910 Hwy 20 W, in Hines, Oregon. Daily sessions may end early if all business items are accomplished ahead of schedule, or go longer if discussions warrant more time.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tara Thissell, Public Affairs Specialist, BLM Burns District Office, 28910 Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738, (541) 573-4519, or email [tthissell@blm.gov](mailto:tthissell@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1(800) 877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The SMAC was initiated August 14, 2001, pursuant to the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-399). The SMAC provides representative counsel and advice to the BLM regarding new and unique approaches to management of the land within the bounds of the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area, recommends cooperative programs and incentives for landscape management that meet human needs, and advises the BLM on maintenance and improvement of the ecological and economic integrity of the area. Agenda items for the September 29 and 30 session include: discussions regarding the Steens Mountain No Livestock Grazing Area Fencing and Inholder Access Environmental Assessments; the Steens Mountain Running Camp Special Recreation Use Permit; and public access in the Pike Creek Canyon Area; updates from the Andrews/Steens Resource Area Field Manager and the Recreation, Wildfire and Wild Horse and Burro Program; and regular business items such as approving the previous meeting's minutes, member round-table, and planning the next meeting's agenda. Any other matters that may reasonably come before the SMAC may also be addressed. Public comment periods are available each day. Unless otherwise approved by the SMAC Chair, the public comment period will last no longer than 30 minutes, and each speaker may address the SMAC for a maximum of five minutes. The public is welcome to attend all sessions.

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